



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

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### COLONEL RUSSELL MARK GIMMI

Colonel Russell Mark Gimmi is the commander of the 354th Maintenance Group, 354th Fighter Wing, Eielson AFB, Alaska. The 354th Maintenance Group conducts organizational and intermediate maintenance as well as sustainment engineering for more than 20 F-16 and more than 20 A/OA-10s aircraft to include airframe, propulsion, avionics, and munitions production activities. The group is tasked to deploy and support expeditionary air operations worldwide.

Colonel Gimmi was commissioned in 1979 after completing Clemson University's ROTC program as a distinguished graduate. While a cadet, Colonel Gimmi graduated from the U.S. Army Airborne School, Fort Benning, Georgia, in 1978. He has held numerous operational, command and staff logistics positions and has completed two overseas short tours. He also served as a member of the Chief of Staff's readiness improvement process team at Air Force headquarters in Washington D.C. and while assigned to the US Embassy in London served as co-chair of the combined planning group in support of the U.S./U.K. Lines of Communication Arrangement.



### EDUCATION

- 1979 Bachelor of Science, Clemson University, Clemson, S.C.
- 1994 Master of Public Administration, Troy State University, Troy, Ala.
- 1999 Masters in National Security and Strategic Studies, Naval War College, Newport, RI.

### ASSIGNMENTS

- September 1979 - December 1979, student, aircraft maintenance officer course, Chanute AFB, Ill.
- January 1980 - July 1984, maintenance officer, 355th Component Repair Squadron; officer in charge, 358th Aircraft Maintenance Unit; and maintenance operations officer, 355th Tactical Training Wing, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
- July 1984 - July 1985, officer in charge, 80th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, 80th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Juvats, Kunsan AB, Korea.
- August 1985 - December 1988, maintenance supervisor, 354th Component Repair Squadron and 354th Aircraft Generation Squadron, Myrtle Beach AFB, S.C.
- January 1989 - March 1992, chief, maintenance manpower and personnel branch, deputy chief of staff for logistics, headquarters Tactical Air Command, Langley AFB, Va.
- March 1992 - January 1993, aircraft maintenance inspector, Inspector General, headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, Va.
- January 1993 - December 1995, commander, 363rd and 20th Component Repair Squadrons, Shaw AFB, S.C.

- January 1996 - June 1998, chief, studies and analysis, aircraft missile support division, directorate of supply, deputy chief of staff for installations and logistics, headquarters Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
- June 1998 - June 1999, student, Naval War College, Newport, RI.
- June 1999 - June 2000, deputy commander, 8th Logistics Group, Kunsan AB, Korea.
- July 2000 - April 2002, chief, logistics plans and agreements, Office of Defense Cooperation, United States Embassy, London, England.
- April 2002 - August 2002, commander, 354th Logistics Group, Eielson AFB, Alaska.
- September 2002 - present, commander, 354th Maintenance Group, Eielson AFB, Alaska.

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Airman's Medal

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal

South West Asia Service Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant	September 1979
First Lieutenant	September 1981
Captain	September 1983
Major	January 1991
Lieutenant Colonel	May 1996
Colonel	December 2001

*(Current as of January 2004)*